

## **Long-Time Local National Weather Service Employee Bill Deedler Retires**

Bill Deedler, Observation Program Leader, Climate Focal Point, and well-known Weather Historian for Southeast Lower Michigan, will retire from the NWS today after 37 years of service - all of it in Southeast Lower Michigan. Bill felt he was extremely fortunate to work at something he has loved since a child - and to work in the same geographical area his entire career with the NWS, something highly unusual. He also felt blessed working with hundreds of NWS employees through the years, learning a great deal from the many talented and memorable people.

Bill began his career with the NWS while attending Eastern Michigan University during the Summer of 1973. The first time Bill walked into the NWS office in Detroit for a tour of the facility, he felt like he walked into the proverbial "candy store" of weather. He talked to the then MIC, Charles "Bob" Snider, about his love and passion for weather. He was hired as an office temp for the summer at just 18 years old. After the summer, Bill returned to school but was asked to return part-time in the Spring of '74 as a Forecaster Aide while continuing his studies. Because of his success on the job and need for a full time employee, Bill was asked to work full time in the Spring of '75 while studying at Eastern Michigan University and the University of Michigan.

In the early days, Bill worked at the NWS Forecast Office at Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) from 1974-78 and transferred with the forecaster gang to Ann Arbor just before the "Blizzard of '78". Bill was promoted back to the WSO at Detroit in the Summer of '79 as a Meteorological Technician. At the time, the WSO had responsibility for radar and county warnings, short term forecasts for the Metro Detroit area, surface weather observations for DTW, media and pilot briefings, NOAA weather radio and climate records. Bill worked at the WSO from 1979 through the Summer of '94 when he came full circle, transferring back to his present day office, WFO Detroit/Pontiac.

Because of his broad spectrum of experience and length of service, Bill became known as the Weather Historian for Southeast Lower Michigan the past 15 years. He wrote numerous articles about Southeast Lower Michigan's past eventful weather along with pioneering Local Season Outlooks and Reviews. As a result, Bill became a very popular person with the local media, conducting numerous on-air interviews prior the start of the major seasons. He wishes to thank his readers for many years of encouraging comments on his past weather stories, season outlooks/reviews, along current weather and climate summaries.

In retirement, Bill has a variety of household activities planned to keep him busy along with remaining active in his two passions; meteorology and stock market investing. In both you research data to make your decision, hoping the outcome is successful, except one you are paid - whether right or wrong. Here's to hoping Bill's stock predictions are every bit as accurate as his seasonal outlooks.